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In re Application of  
William Reid  
Application No. 09/620,350  
Filed: July 20, 2000  
Attorney Docket Number: AUS990912US1

DECISION REFUSING STATUS  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b)

This is in response to the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b), filed July 20, 2000.

Rule 47 applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this decision to reply, correcting the below-noted deficiencies. Any reply should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b)," and should only address the deficiencies noted below, except that the reply may include an oath or declaration executed by the non-signing inventor. **Failure to respond will result in abandonment of the application.** Any extensions of time will be governed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

The above-identified application was filed on July 20, 2000, without an executed oath or declaration, and naming William Reid as the sole inventor.

A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b) requires: (1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration; (2) an acceptable oath or declaration; (3) the petition fee; (4) a statement of last known address of the non-signing inventor; (5) proof of proprietary interest; and (6) a showing that such action is necessary to preserve the rights of parties or to prevent irreparable damage.

A review of the record shows that a petition has not been filed. 37 CFR 1.47 (b) requires a petition. The declaration of Martha A. Acosta cannot be construed as a petition because it was not properly executed. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.33, amendments and other papers, except for written assertions pursuant to § 1.27(c)(2)(ii) of this part, filed in the application must be signed by:

- (1) A registered attorney or agent of record appointed in compliance with § 1.34(b);
- (2) A registered attorney or agent not of record who acts in a representative capacity under the provisions of § 1.34(a);
- (3) An assignee as provided for under § 3.71(b) of this chapter; or

Ms. Acosta has not been identified as a proper party to execute a petition.

The merits of the "petition" have not been reviewed because the petition has not been filed and properly executed.

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